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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction/Election mailed February 2, 2010 for which the Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.